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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/04/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 19-36, 39-41, 49-51, 56, 57 and 59-80.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Morasch on 12/22/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

3. The uppercase letter c in the word "Claim" should be replaced by lower case c -- claim -- for all of the following claims.

Claim 9, 11, 19, 20-40

Claim 10, line 14

Claim 11, line 18

Claim 19, line 21

Claim 20, line 1

Claim 21, line 4

Claim 22, line 8

Claim 23, line 11

Claim 24, line 5

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Claim 32, line 2
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Claim 36, line 1
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Claim 38, line 11
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Claim 50, line 11
Claim 51, line 15
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Claim 77, line 2

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Claim 79, line 13

Claim 80, line 19

4. **Claim 9** has been replaced as:

Claim 9. A method for use in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

outputting at least one signal suitable for causing a smart antenna to transmit at least one complementary beam, said at least one signal being operatively configured to cause said smart antenna to perform subspace complementary beam forming (SCBF), and said at least one signal including N-K data streams operatively configured to caused said smart antenna to transmit energy in at least one side lobe

determining said at least one signal by using a Downlink Beamforming Matrix: $W=UAV^H$.

determining said at least one signal by using a Steering Matrix: $A=[a(\theta_1) \ a(\theta_2) \ . \ . \ . \ a(\theta_K)]$, wherein $a(\theta_k)$ represents a steering vector of user k.

wherein

if $W=A^*B$, where B is a non-singular K-by-K matrix, then using a complementary beamforming matrix of

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$$W^c = \sqrt{\frac{k_c C_0}{N}} [u_{K+1} \ u_{K+2} \ \dots \ u_N]$$

wherein $C_0 = N C_0$ is the level of the main lobe, k_c is the scaling factor and u_l is the l -th column vector of U , otherwise using a complementary beamforming matrix of

$$W^c = \sqrt{\frac{k_c C_0}{N}} [u_1 \ u_2 \ \dots \ u_{N-K}]$$

wherein \tilde{u}_l is the l -th left singular vector of the matrix

$$\left(\sum_{l=K+1}^N u_l u_l^H \right) U^H A^c = \tilde{U} \tilde{\Lambda} \tilde{V}^H,$$

and $A^c = \tilde{U} \tilde{\Lambda} \tilde{V}^H$ is assumed, and in scattering channel $H^c = \tilde{U} \tilde{\Lambda} \tilde{V}^H$ is assumed.

5. **Claims 13-15** have been canceled.

6. **Claim 17** has been replaced as:

Claim 17. A method for use in a wireless communication system, the method comprising:

outputting at least one signal suitable for causing a smart antenna to transmit at least one complementary beam, said at least one signal is operatively configured to cause said smart antenna to perform complementary superposition beam forming (CSBF)

determining said at least one signal by using a downlink beamforming matrix: $\tilde{W} = [\tilde{w}_1 \ \dots \ \tilde{w}_{K-1} \ \tilde{w}_K \ \tilde{w}_{K+1} \ \dots \ \tilde{w}_L]$, where $\tilde{w}_K = p_0^* \tilde{w}_K + W^c p$ and p is complex conjugate transpose of the l -th row of W^c ,

$$p_0 = \frac{w_{K,l}^*}{|w_{K,l}|}$$

is normalized complex conjugate of the l -th element of \tilde{w}_K .

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7. **Claim 18** has been canceled.
8. **Claim 49** has been replaced as:

Claim 49. An apparatus for use in a wireless communication system, the apparatus comprising:

circuitry configured to output at least one signal suitable for causing a smart antenna to transmit at least one complementary beam, said at least one signal is operatively configured to cause said smart antenna to perform subspace complementary beam forming (CSBF). And said at least one signal including N-K data streams operatively configured to cause said smart antenna to transmit energy in at least one side lobe

wherein said

circuitry is configured to determine said at least one signal by using a Downlink Beamforming Matrix: $W=UAV^H$.

wherein said

circuitry is configured to determine said at least one signal by using a Steering Matrix: $A=[a(\theta_1) \ a(\theta_2) \ \dots \ a(\theta_K)]$, wherein $a(\theta_k)$ represents a steering vector of user k.

wherein

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if $W=A^H B$, where B is a non-singular K -by- K matrix, then said circuitry is configured to use a complementary beamforming matrix of

$$W^c = \sqrt{\frac{k_0 C_0}{N}} [u_{K-1} \quad u_{K-2} \quad \dots \quad u_1]$$

wherein $C_0=N_{C_0}$ is the level of the main lobe, k_0 is the scaling factor and u_i is the i -th column vector of U ,

otherwise said circuitry is configured to use a complementary beamforming matrix of

$$W^c = \sqrt{\frac{k_0 C_0}{N}} [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad \dots \quad u_{K-1}]$$

wherein u_i is the i -th left singular vector of the matrix

$$\left(\sum_{l=1}^N a_l a_l^H \right) U A^H = U \Lambda V^H,$$

and $A^H=U \Lambda V^H$ is assumed, and in scattering channel $H^H=U \Lambda V^H$ is assumed.

9. **Claims 53-55** have been canceled.

10. **Claim 57** has been replaced as:

Claim 57. An apparatus for use in a wireless communication system, the apparatus comprising:

circuitry configured to output at least one signal suitable for causing a smart antenna to transmit at least one complementary beam, said at least one signal is operatively configured to cause said smart antenna to perform complementary superposition beamforming (CSBF)

wherein said

circuitry is configured to determine said at least one signal by using a downlink beamforming matrix: $W=[w_1 \dots w_{K-1} \quad \tilde{w}_K \quad w_{K+1} \dots w_K]$, where $\tilde{w}_K=p_1 w_K + W^H p$ and p is complex conjugate transpose of the l -th row of W^H ,

$$p_l = \frac{w_{K,l}^*}{\|w_{K,l}\|}$$

is normalized complex conjugate of the l -th element of w_K .

11. **Claim 58** has been canceled.

Response to Amendment

12. The amendments, filed on 11/04/05, have been entered and made of record.

Allowable Subject Matter

13. Claims 1, 9, 10,11,16,17, 19-36, 39-41,49-51, 56, 57 and 59-80 are allowed.

The examiner's reason for allowing the independent claims 1, 9, 17, 34, 41, 49, 57, 74 presented is based on Applicant's Remarks filed on 11/04/05 and the above examiner amendments.

Regarding claims 32,33,39,40, 10,11,16, 19-31, 35-36, 72-73, 50,51,56, 59-71 and 75-80, the claims are allowed as being dependent of claims 1, 9, 17, 34, 41, 49, 57 and 74, respectively.

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Conclusion

14. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Lam whose telephone number is 571-272-6497. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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